

# Rock Solid Faith

CHECK-IN  
& PRAYER  
REQUESTS



*Rocks may seem ordinary, but Jesus uses them to teach us something profound. In Matthew 7:24–27, He invites us to build our lives on the unshakable foundation of His Word—a faith that can withstand every storm. As the world shifts around us, now is the time to ask: Where is your foundation?*

### Prayer Requests

Share prayer requests by scanning the QR code above, emailing [prayers@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:prayers@stjohnsbr.org) or visiting [stjohnsbr.org/here](https://stjohnsbr.org/here).

### All Are Welcome & Affirmed Here


Whoever you are, wherever your faith journey, you are welcome and affirmed. We are so glad you joined us and hope you feel at home here.

### For Newcomers

**Restrooms** & Welcome **Brochures** are located in the narthex (lobby). Our **ushers** can help you in any way you may need. Text ‘CONNECT’ to 225-230-1017 join our updates.

### For Families with Children

- The **St. John’s Playground** is in the front of the sanctuary during services. Children are welcome to spend **the entire service** here.
- The **Nursery** serves infants – preschool in the Education & Administration building next door.
- **Changing tables** are located in the restrooms and nursery.
- **Holy Communion** elements of bread and grape juice are available to all including children weekly at the 8:30 a.m. service and on the first Sunday of the month at the 11:00 a.m. service. **Gluten free** elements are also available.
- We offer **Sunday School** for 18 months – 12<sup>th</sup> grade from 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

 The **altar flowers** are from Belinda Dumas in memory of her mother, Marie Kilpatrick Nipper, on her birthday.

## WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS WEEK

**School Supply Drive** Blue donation tubs will be located in the narthex and the Edu/Admin Building hallway and a complete list of items needed is on the back of this bulletin.

**Wearing a name tag** each Sunday is a simple but powerful way to help others feel **seen, known, and welcomed**—an act of hospitality that makes a real difference.

 Our ushers are **Bill & Jane Metcalf**.

## 📅 UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Summer Pool Parties

#### Youth Pool Party, July 6 4–6pm

For Youth in grades 6–12

#### Family Pool Party, July 13 4–6pm

For entire family – kids, youth, and grown ups

*Both Pool Parties are hosted at Kathy King and Matt Diment’s home. Email [youth@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:youth@stjohnsbr.org) for more info and address.*

### Family Fun Day

#### July 19th, 2 p.m.

Mark your calendars for a fun afternoon with Kate Bouchillon! All welcome—kids, youth, and grown-ups. We’ll have games like Pickleball & 9-Square in the Air. More details coming soon!

### Fall Intern

Now Accepting Applications: Fall Family Ministries Internship

Are you a college student or young adult who loves working with kids and teens? St. John’s UMC is hiring a Family Ministries Intern (Sept 7–Dec 8) for 10 hrs/week with a \$1,875 stipend. Gain hands-on leadership and ministry experience! Email resume, cover letter, and two references to [jobs@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:jobs@stjohnsbr.org) by August 1.

### Summer Tour 2025 UMC Youth & Friends

Join us July 9 from 6–8 pm for a giant slip and slide down the levee near the USS Kidd—youth are welcome to attend even though many in the group will be on the mission trip; drop-off and pick-up is at the levee.

### Choir & Music Makers Summer Break

The Chancel Choir and Music Makers will resume in the Fall after a Summer Break.

### Bibles Presentation on August 3rd

Children going into Kindergarten, 3rd, 6th and 9th grades will be presented Bibles during worship on August 3. If your student is moving up into one of those grades, please email the church office ([office@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:office@stjohnsbr.org)) by July 21 so we can have a Bible ready.

### School Supply Drive – July 1–31

Help us support our neighborhood schools—Wildwood Elementary, Charlie Thomas Head Start, and Gardere Community Christian—through our annual school supply drive! Blue donation tubs will be located in the narthex and the Edu/Admin Building hallway. Suggested donations include: pencils, pens, glue sticks, crayons, notebooks, rulers, folders, scissors, tissues, paper towels, Clorox wipes, and more. Let’s bless local students with a strong start to the school year!

## 📍 EVERY WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S FLC = Family Life Center

### Worship Services

**Sundays**  
**8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.** Sanctuary

### Coffee Time

**Sundays**  
**9:30 a.m.** FLC

### Sunday School

**Sundays**  
**9:45 a.m.** Campus Wide

### Music Ministries

**Sundays**  
**6:00 p.m.** Alleluia Ringers, Bells Room

**Wednesdays**  
**6:30 p.m.** Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room  
**Reconvenes in the Fall after Summer break**

### Children & Youth

**Sundays**  
**9:45 a.m.** Sunday School, Campus Wide  
**4:30 p.m.** Music Makers, Choir Room  
**Reconvenes in the Fall after Summer break**

### Wellness

**Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays**  
**7:00 a.m.** Early Risers Exercisers, FLC

**Tuesdays**  
**7:00 p.m.** Pickleball, FLC  
**7:30 p.m.** AA Meeting, FLC–E

**Wednesdays**  
**6:30 p.m.** Ladies AA Meeting, FLC–C

**Saturdays**  
**12:00 p.m.** AA Meeting, FLC–C  
**7:00 p.m.** AA Meeting, FLC  
**Shepherd’s Market**  
**A client choice food pantry**  
**Mondays 3:30 p.m.** FLC  
**Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:00 a.m.** FLC  
[shepherdsmarket.org](https://shepherdsmarket.org)

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**9 AM – 12 NOON**  
**Monday – Friday**



**11:00 AM Worship Celebration**  
Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup> 2025

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# Welcome

Please stand as you are comfortable where marked by an asterisk (\*) & join in speaking where text is in **bold**.



## Gathering Music

**Words of Welcome** Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

**Musical Reflection** The Chancel Choir

*Rock of Ages*

**Mission Moment** Mission to Delta Grace

*We pray for the Youth and Adults who are embarking on a mission in the Mississippi Delta.*

**Invitation to Worship\*** John Toney

Come, people of God, to this time of worship, bringing your worries, your hopes, your questions, your songs.

**We come, seeking something steady, a foundation that will not shake.**

The storms may rage, the earth may shift, but love is Lord over heaven and earth.

**So how can we keep from singing?**

Come, let us worship the God who is our rock, our refuge, and our song.

**We will lift our voices, and build our lives on Christ, our firm foundation.**

**Welcome in the Light of Christ\*** The Faith We Sing #2130 vs 1, 5

*The Summons*

**Sharing the Love and Peace of Christ\***

**We Encourage Our Children** Ana de la Fuente & Grace Idikwu

**We Pray Together**

**May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, thou who art our strength and our redeemer. Amen.**

**We Read the Word\***

Matthew 7:24-27

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

**Thanks be to God.**

**We Reflect on the Word** Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

*Rock-Solid Faith*

**We Sing Together\***

*My Hope is Built*

U.M. Hymnal #368 vs 1, 2, 4

**We Offer our Tithes and Gifts to God**

The Chancel Choir

*Rain Down*

Jaime Cortez

Thank you for your generosity. Your gift helps us be a blessing in our community. Scan the QR code or visit [stjohnsbr.org/give](http://stjohnsbr.org/give) to give online.

**GIVING**



**We Sing Together\***

U.M. Hymnal #94

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**praise God all creatures here below:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**We Prepare for Communion\***

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*We hear about God's steady, enduring presence, concluding with:*

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

**Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

*The congregation sits and remembers the story of Jesus' institution of Communion, concluding with:*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living

sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the

mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen;**

**Christ will come again.**

**Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

*The pastor prays that the Holy Spirit be present in this holy meal,*

*concluding with:*

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy

church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

**We Pray the Lord's Prayer**

U.M. Hymnal #895

**We Receive Communion\***

Words, Civilla D. Martin

Jennifer Ellis

Music, Charles H. Gabriel

*His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

**All are welcome to receive Communion.**

*We serve by intinction (bread dipped in juice); only servers handle the elements. Pre-packaged & gluten-free options are available.*

*You may remain at the chancel to pray. If you need communion brought to you, please let an usher know.*

**We Pray Together**

John Toney

**God of steady love,**

**thank you for this meal —**

**a reminder that no matter the storms we face,**

**you are the rock we cling to.**

**As we have tasted your grace in the bread and cup,**

**strengthen our faith to stand firm,**

**our hearts to trust deeply,**

**and our lives to live boldly in your love.**

**Help us carry this with us,**

**singing your praises even when the winds howl around us.**

**In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**We Receive This Week's Call To Action**

*We joyfully welcome all those who wish to become members of St.*

*John's and invite you to come forward and stand with Pastor Lane*

*during the singing of the next song.*

**We Sing Together\***

U.M. Hymnal #529 vs 1, 2, 5

*How Firm a Foundation*

**We Share in a Blessing\***

**We Go Out into the World\***

*The service ends, but our worship continues as we go forth to love*

*and serve the Lord.*